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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ORE

Attention: Colonel W. Perry

Subject: Brief Resume of Meeting
on NIS held 25 September 1947

1. The meeting was opened by [redacted] who read an opening paper outlining the purposes of the meeting, a copy of which you can, no doubt, obtain from [redacted] office.

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2. A point was then raised by [redacted] that in order to complete a comprehensive outline of requirements, it would be necessary to consult the users of the NIS which would take considerable time.

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3. At this point the question was raised as to just exactly who the users would be whether they would be the top strategic planners in Washington or the operational planners in the field. A definite decision was not arrived at on this point, and the A-2 representative pointed out that this Committee would be usurping the prerogatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff were they to attempt such a decision.

4. The next controversial point which arose was that of whether or not the JANIS program should be continued and, if so, to what extent. [redacted] contended that JANIS satisfied the needs of most users from his observations, and he thought the program should be continued at least on those chapters upon which there had been substantial work done already. At first the G-2 representative did not appear to agree that the JANIS program should be continued at all. However, later on in the discussion he agreed that some of the chapters upon which considerable work had been done might well be completed.

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5. It was brought out at this point that there was a chance of duplication between JANIS studies and the Defense project on chapters dealing with the USSR.

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